

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Students from the inaugural class of the Irma Lerma  
2 Rangel Young Women's Leadership School are visiting the State  
3 Capitol, and their presence in the chamber on this day, March 10,  
4 2005, provides a most welcome opportunity to recognize their school  
5 as well as its namesake, the Honorable Irma Rangel; and

6           WHEREAS, Opened in the Oak Lawn neighborhood of Dallas in the  
7 fall of 2004, the Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School  
8 is the newest of the Dallas Independent School District's magnet  
9 programs; currently serving young women in grades seven and eight,  
10 the school will add a grade with each school year until the  
11 2008-2009 school year, when students from grades seven through 12  
12 will be accommodated; loosely affiliated with the Young Women's  
13 Leadership School in Harlem, it is the first all-girls public  
14 school in Dallas and part of a move that allows educators to focus  
15 on the different ways boys and girls learn; and

16           WHEREAS, Through leadership seminars, weekly advisory  
17 meetings, and partnerships with educational and cultural  
18 organizations, the Dallas school provides students with a rigorous  
19 course of study that prepares them for college and addresses their  
20 developmental needs; teachers work with students following a  
21 project-oriented curriculum that emphasizes math, science, and  
22 technology, but also offers ample learning opportunities in foreign  
23 languages and humanities; in addition to providing an excellent  
24 academic curriculum, the school encourages students to develop a

1 strong sense of ethics and civic responsibility and to become  
2 leaders in their community; and

3 WHEREAS, It is fitting that such an admirable and progressive  
4 institution be named for Irma Rangel, who was a trailblazer and one  
5 of the leading proponents of the state's efforts to improve public  
6 school and higher education systems; Ms. Rangel taught for 14 years  
7 in Texas, California, and Venezuela before changing careers and  
8 earning a degree at St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio; after  
9 working as an assistant district attorney for two years in Corpus  
10 Christi, she returned to her hometown of Kingsville in 1973 to open  
11 her own law practice; and

12 WHEREAS, When Ms. Rangel won a seat in the house of  
13 representatives in 1976, she became the first Hispanic woman  
14 elected to the Texas Legislature; she spent more than 26 years in  
15 the Texas House and was the fifth most-senior member of this body at  
16 the time of her death in 2003; while serving in the house, she  
17 sponsored legislation establishing a pharmacy school for Texas A&M  
18 University--Kingsville, now known as the Irma Lerma Rangel College  
19 of Pharmacy; and

20 WHEREAS, The first Mexican American woman to be appointed  
21 chair of a house committee, Representative Rangel was named chair  
22 of the House Committee on Higher Education in 1995, and she served  
23 in that role for four consecutive legislative sessions; she was  
24 also the first woman elected chair of the Mexican American  
25 Legislative Caucus and the first Mexican American to receive the  
26 G. J. Sutton Award from the Legislative Black Caucus; and

27 WHEREAS, A passionate advocate for the poor, the needy, and

1 the underserved, Irma Rangel was a true Texas pioneer who worked  
2 tirelessly to make a college education accessible to all citizens,  
3 and it is indeed appropriate that an important part of her legacy  
4 lies with the outstanding young women who are attending the school  
5 that bears her name; now, therefore, be it

6         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the rich and accomplished life of  
8 the Honorable Irma Rangel and extend to the students of the Irma  
9 Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School visiting with us today  
10 sincere best wishes for success in their new school and with all  
11 their future endeavors; and, be it further

12         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the school as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
14 House of Representatives.

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Hodge	Escobar
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Leibowitz	Luna
McClendon	Morrison
Naishtat	Seaman
Solis	Solomons

Craddick	Geren	Menendez
Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
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Anchia	Goodman	Moreno of El Paso
Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
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Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
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Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
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Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
Crabb	Hunter	Rose
Crownover	Hupp	Seaman
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	Jackson	Smith of Harris
Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Denny	Keel	Solomons
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Strama
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Straus
Dukes	King of Parker	Swinford
Dunnam	King of Zavala	Talton
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Edwards	Krusee	Thompson
Eiland	Kuempel	Truitt
Eissler	Laney	Turner
Elkins	Laubenberg	Uresti
Escobar	Leibowitz	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Luna	Veasey
Farrar	Madden	Villarreal
Flores	Martinez	Vo
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Frost	McCall	Wong
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H.R. No. 693

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 693 was adopted by the House on March 10, 2005, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House